

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

To the Republican Electors of Holt county, in accordance with an order of the Republican county committee, a call is hereby made to the Republican electors of Holt county to meet in their respective voting precincts on

Saturday April 14th, 1900.
At 10 o'clock p.m. to select delegates to the convention which is called to meet at Bigelow, on Thursday, April 19th, 1900, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Republican state convention, to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 15th day of May, 1900; also to select delegates to the state judicial convention, to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 15th day of May, 1900; and also to select delegates to the Republican congressional convention, to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 15th day of May, 1900; and also to select delegates to the Republican national convention, to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 15th day of May, 1900.

The basis of representation will be one delegate for each vote or fraction of 10 or more, cast for William McKinley, for President, in 1896. The allotment of delegates for the various townships under this ratio will be as follows:

Townships	Votes	Delegates
Bigelow	102	10
Forest	102	10
Forest City	102	10
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The Republican voters of said townships, will, at said primary, select their members to constitute the township committee, a chairman and one or more members, who shall become an official number of the county central committee.

Done by order of the county committee, this 24th day of March 1900.
H. T. ALKIRE, Chairman.
D. P. DORRIS, Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Believing that I have the good of our little city at heart to as great an extent as most of her citizens, I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Oregon, Missouri, subject to the decision of the voters at the city election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 1900.
R. C. BENTON.

Having been earnestly solicited by my friends to make the race for Mayor of the city of Oregon, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for that office, and promise if elected to said position to do all in my power for the advancement of every interest of said city.
W. A. PETREE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of city Marshall, subject to the decision of the voters at the city election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 1900.
CLARENCE O. MOLTRE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Collector, of the city of Oregon, Missouri, subject to the decision of the voters at the city election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 1900.
LIN CARROLL.

The McKinley administration can not destroy trusts, because it depends on the corruption fund and the coercive influences these combine have exerted and stand ready to exert to retain it in power. Kansas City Times.

The Cleveland administration could not destroy trusts because he and both his attorney generals declared that "business corporations organized to maintain a monopoly must be dealt with by each separate state. The federal courts have no jurisdiction over them." Because they depend upon the corruption fund of the sugar trust, the whiskey trust and coal combine and the coercive influences these combine have exerted and stand ready to exert to retain it in power. If the people desire to get rid of the trusts they must first rid themselves of the domination of the political party now in control in this state which upholds the trusts, and which, in turn, is upheld by them. The attorney general of this state has publicly declared the extermination of the trusts is purely a state affair.

The dividend paid last week by the Standard Oil Company makes it possible to form some idea of the immense power which that company can wield. The dividend was of \$200,000, at the regular quarterly dividend of 3 percent, with 17 percent extra. This was the largest cash disbursement ever made at one time on the stock of a single corporation. St. Louis Republic.

The Republic should have stated also, that the large dividend of \$200,000, but recently paid by the St. Louis street railway trust, which was brought into existence by the 40th general assembly of Missouri, and our Democratic governor, "makes it possible to form some idea of the immense power" which the St. Louis street railway combine can wield, and seemingly did wield. The dividend of the Standard Oil Company is no larger than that declared by the street railway corporation of St. Louis. The former's dividend was \$20 millions on \$100 millions capital while the latter's dividend of \$20,000,000 was for nine months on a capital of \$23,000,000.

The Standard Oil trust came into existence pretty much as Topsy did, "it just grew," while the St. Louis street railway trust was brought into existence by a law authorizing it, which was passed by a Democratic legislature and signed by the Democratic governor.

The Standard Oil Company was charged to do business in Missouri, in the name of the Waters Pierce Oil Company, by the present Democratic authorities. It "spread out," and entered the state of Texas. It ran against the anti-trust laws of that state. They were prosecuted by the Texas authorities and found guilty; an appeal was taken to the United States supreme court, which sustained the Texas law, the opinion being handed down by Justice McKenna, an appointee of William McKinley. Just think of such a thing as the supreme court deciding against the Standard Oil Company. What is this country going to come to—an appointee of the present Republican President of the United States, being called on by his associates upon the bench, to hand down an opinion, which would be against the Standard Oil Company. Banish the thought.

The Democratic authorities of this state are partly responsible for this large dividend of the Standard Oil Company, for they issue to them a certificate of incorporation, which authorizes them to do business.

We repeat: The state of Missouri is one of the worst trust ridden states in the union, and has become so by and with the consent of the Democratic authorities now in control of the state.

That the anti-trust laws of the state are practically of no force or effect whatever.

That not in a single instance has any trust been barred from doing business in the state.

That the XLth general assembly failed to pass the following bills which were aimed to curtail the power of the various trusts or corporations.

To tax franchises.

To reduce the interest rate to 7 per cent.

To reduce the stock yard charges.

To reduce express rates.

To repeal the freight rate bill.

To repeal the penalty clause in the school text book law.

To pass the bill legalizing the combining of the street railways of St. Louis.

To issue charters to the Standard Oil Company and every other trust of whatsoever kind.

To, for Bigelow.

The Republican county central committee held a meeting at Forest City, Wednesday of this week, and called a delegate convention to meet at Bigelow, Thursday, April 19th, for the purpose of naming three sets of delegates, for the state, judicial and congressional conventions. The primaries are called for Saturday April 14th. The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate for each 25 votes or fraction of 15 or over. This will make a convention of nearly 100 delegates, and will be one of the largest ever held in the county.

The committee decided that in their judgment it was unwise to change the custom of nominating county ticket; that as a party we should not change from delegate to primary system of nominating.

We hope the primaries will be largely attended, and a strong, capable set of delegates will be chosen to represent the various townships in the county convention, thus securing an excellent representative delegation to the various state and congressional conventions.

Some More Reasons Why.

The St. Joseph Evening News takes the St. Louis Globe Democrat and other Republican papers of the state to task "for injuring Missouri," by saying mean facts about the state, etc. etc. etc.

The Western Watchman is far from being a Republican paper. It published a history of the betrayal of Bland at the Chicago convention, and stated that Wm. J. Stone, ex-governor of Missouri, and supposed manager of the Bland campaign at Chicago, stated to a member of the West Virginia delegation: "That Mrs. Bland was a Catholic, and was bringing up her children in the Catholic church, and it would never do to have her mistress of the White House." Fine specimen of bigotry to publish to the world, isn't it.

"Never in its history has the Democratic party of this state had such a load to carry as has been imposed upon it by the legislative and executive branches. It was utterly worthless, incompetent and owned by a corrupt lobby."—Plattsburg Leader (Dem.) The people of Missouri electing such a legislature as painted by the Leader, does not help the reputation of our state in the least. In another issue this same paper published to the world: "The Missouri state treasury is empty and a big deficit stares the taxpayers in the face."

"The railroads have dominated the legislature and Democratic conventions in the state since 1872. This is no false."—E. W. Turner, Clinton county, ex-representative.

It was alleged over this country from Chickamauga Park that the 5th Missouri infantry was sent to the field in such a ragged condition that the regiment was not allowed, to take part in dress parades, it had no hospital tents and twelve men died on this account. No Missouri Republican paper was responsible for this item of news. It was associated press dispatches. It never helped Missouri.

In pleading for a liberal appropriation for the state militia, a representative of the 40 general assembly stated: "Through the fifth state in the union in wealth and first in resources, she is 324 in maintaining and equipment of her militia." All the prominent papers of the state, including the St. Louis Republic gave publicity to this statement.

"I glory in the fact that our citizen soldiers were compelled to go to war in the garb that gave them more the appearance of Corey's army than a military body enlisted from a great state."—Representative Whitecloud of Monroe.

"They know that the people themselves create the franchise values, and these rich free grants, worth millions in the market, go free of taxation, while unprivileged citizens bear all the burdens of government."—St. Louis Post Dispatch, (Dem.) Not a very strong indictment to hold out to the home seeker, to come to Missouri.

The difference between the legislation of a progressive Republican state like Minnesota and one ridden by a moss-back Democracy like Missouri is admirably illustrated in the treatment accorded the large cities of the two states by their respective legislatures.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

"For the first time in a quarter of a century the banks at Jefferson City refused to handle state paper."—St. Louis Republic.

The Lexow committee, named by a Democratic governor, the majority of which were Democrats, in their report to the legislature, which report was published in all the leading papers of St. Louis, had this to say in regard to the assessment of property: "The farms and personal property of the state, if sold under the hammer, would not bring their assessed value. Yet these (the street railways of St. Louis) could be cashed at any hour of the day for \$13,513,249, over five times their assessed value. Neither the Globe or any other Republican paper is responsible for this unfavorable presentation of the assessments now being made in our state."

Probate Matters.

The will of Liville Murray, who died February 6, 1900, was filed for probate, Wednesday last week. The will was written by N. F. Murray, and the wife of the deceased is named as executrix. The will is dated August 1, 1897. The will disposes of his home farm of 22 acres, 14 of which is given his wife and 8 acres to his daughter, Annie Campbell.

Mary A. wife, of A. W. Brownlee, was appointed last week, administratrix of her husband's estate.

A petition has been filed with the probate court asking for administration on the estate of Joseph Bucher, deceased.

To tax franchises.

Our County's Finances.

Collector of revenue Pierce filed his third annual settlement with the county court at its late session. The total collections amounted to \$89,908.40, which is \$1,089 less than the total collections of one year ago, one thousand of which is caused by a reduction of school taxes and the remainder reduced by a reduction of amount due from the consolidated dated and back taxes. The county tax, from which the state and county derive its revenue was about \$1,000 larger in 1899 than in 1898, the figures being: 1898, \$32,377.56; 1899, \$33,299.64. About 84 percent of the taxes levied were collected, and this rate would have been materially increased, but for the delinquency of the Atchison & Nebraska railroad in part of its taxes, on account of the state board persistently refusing to assess the Rulo bridge as bridge property. The county will have a representative before the state board to show the injustice done the county in this matter.

We give this report in detail.

To land tax book 1899.....\$2607.70
To personal tax book 1899.....11027.19
To interest.....60.00

Total.....\$37763.89
By amount collected.....32399.94
Delinquent and erroneous.....4463.25

Total.....\$37763.89
Per cent of tax collected about 84
Amount collected on 1898 tax book.....4747.70
Amount collected on back tax book 1898.....3530.83

Total.....\$8278.53
To railroad tax book, K. C. & N. W. 1897-1898.....\$7187.41
To railroad tax book, K. C. & N. W. 1898-1899.....1651.08
To railroad tax book, St. Jo. N. W. 1898-1899.....617.33

Total.....\$9456.40
By K. C. & N. W. railroad tax.....\$7086.49
By K. C. & N. W. railroad tax.....1013.83
By delinquent.....709.05
By St. Jo. & N. W. railroad tax.....617.33

Total.....\$9456.40
To personal tax, 1898.....2434.91
By collections.....914.09
Uncollected.....1520.82

The amount of school tax levied in the various special school districts was as follows:

Amount levied.....\$521.88
Delinquent.....27.07
Total.....\$548.95

Amount levied.....\$2086.92
Delinquent.....156.11
Total.....\$2243.03

Amount levied.....\$1166.05
Delinquent.....108.76
Total.....\$1274.81

Amount levied.....\$3862.76
Delinquent.....810.08
Total.....\$4672.84

Amount levied.....\$672.06
Delinquent.....65.61
Total.....\$737.67

Amount levied.....\$2778.33
Delinquent.....679.38
Total.....\$3457.71

Amount levied.....\$2452.96
Delinquent.....186.48
Total.....\$2639.44

The total amount of revenue collected by Mr. Pierce during his fiscal year ending March 31, 1900, amounted to \$89,908.40 and came from the following sources:

Consolidated and delinquent taxes.....\$8338.33
Railroad taxes.....\$747.35
Land and personal, 1899.....\$32399.94
School taxes, 1899.....\$2607.70
Merchandise and manufacture.....\$3311.23
Billiard tables.....\$41.00
Drum shops.....\$3710.83
Western union telegraph.....\$113.10
Personal delinquent, 1898 & prior years.....\$3018.99
Forest City levee.....\$1374.89
Craig ditch No. 1.....\$408.07
Craig ditch, No. 2.....\$286.05
Fiddlers.....\$96.00

Total.....\$89,908.40
Once in a while you will hear some smart say: "mighty strange there is no money in the treasury with which to pay my warrant." Not at all strange. The revenue laws of Missouri are relics of the day of fifty years ago. Taxes do not become delinquent until the January following the turning over of the tax books to the collector. Only one-fifth of the revenue is collected between May and January, or about \$4,185 was in the hands of the treasurer during these nine months, whereas \$18,699 was paid over to him from January to March 31, and as a matter of fact, the county had but \$4,185 cash with which to do business during the first nine months of the fiscal year, but having a prospective revenue of some \$20,000, warrants are issued against this sum. To give our readers some idea of the impracticability of this feature of our revenue law, we give below the monthly totals paid into the county treasurer on account of the county revenue fund.

May.....\$1018.20
June.....934.11
July.....929.80
August.....824.34
September.....802.36
October.....51.44
November.....1214.61
December.....1234.54
January.....3757.45
February.....2419.52

In Kansas the revenue laws allow the taxpayer a discount of some two per cent, if the tax is paid within a certain time after they are due. The law also allows a part payment at any time, prior to delinquency.

The coming year 1900 will be a hard one indeed for our county court; just how they will be able to keep up the bridges and the other absolutely necessary expenditures on the prospective revenue is one of those problems not easy of solution. A handsome sum of several hundred dollars due the county from forest insurance tax is being held up by the state authorities, and the county also has to advance the money for the state for the board of state prisoners, and while these sums are so extremely large in the aggregate, if the county had the money they could build four or five combination bridges with it.

A. H. BALKY, President.
J. T. TRATCHER, Secretary.

Our Enterprises.

Our state labor commissioner, has been heard from, and he comes at us with both of his No. 11's, and tells us that it was not his fault that so many of Holt's manufacturing establishments were omitted from his official report, and we are of that same opinion. He of course depended on parties residing in the county to give him the information which was asked for in a letter and suitable blanks sent out in July last, and of course he supposed the data given him was correct, but when THE SENTINEL proceeded to investigate, and behold the "half had not been told."

Forest City has a flouring mill, and Excelsior factory, a canning factory, barrel factory and vinegar factory. The report credits her with having only the two former.

Oregon is mentioned as only having a flouring mill, when as a fact she also has a canning factory that took the world's fair premium at Chicago, a feed mill, and broom factory, and a cigar factory.

Mound City is reported as having but one flouring mill, she really has two, a cannery, broom factory, cigar factory and creamery.

Matland in addition to having a flouring mill, has a cigar factory.

Craig has a creamery which took first butter prize at the recent state dairy meeting.

Napier reported as being the only place in the county having a saw mill. The Schlottzshauer saw mill at Bluff City has been in operation for 25 years. They also have had a mill in operation for over a year west of Banks. Richville has one, owned by Weigel and Polly; the mill is now conducted by Mr. Polly. W. H. Day owns a mill, and has been run in the bottom northwest of Forest City. A. J. Landers is operating a mill on Kinney Creek located on the Hornet land.

A water power flouring mill, known as the old Hollister mill, in operation with a capacity of 50 barrels every twenty four hours. It is located northeast of New Point.

Curzon.

—Thomas Kirk is confined to the home with rheumatism.

—Leon Stultz, of Portersburg, was the guest of friends here Sunday.

—Sam Mariner, of Kansas, was the guest of relatives here Sunday.

—Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. All are invited to attend.

—Christine Gifford visited his Uncle Jacob Markle near Oregon, Sunday.

—Miss Sallie Elder was visiting her sister, Mrs. James A. Foster, of Chambers Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Culp of Oregon, were the guests of their daughter here Sunday.

—Philip Schlottzshauer and George Gifford were visiting in Kansas City, Mo., the first of the week.

—Mrs. Bertha Patrick and daughter, Nora, went to Portersburg last Sunday where they expect to remain during the summer.

—Elder W. H. Hardman filled his regular appointment here last Sunday, preaching two splendid sermons. There were three additions to the church, one at the morning and two at evening services.

—John Lovelady and family who had their household goods destroyed by fire a few days ago, have gone to housekeeping again this week near the saw mill in the Shafter district. His friends and neighbors contributed liberally.

—Christian church directory of Bluff City, W. H. Hardman, pastor, Sunday school, Sunday school, 1900, p. 10.

Preaching on the second and fourth Sundays in each month, 11 a. m. and evening. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

Uncle Sam's Laundry Bill.

Ten Hundred and Ninety One.

Clarence Moller has just completed the census of our city in accordance with a resolution of our city council. We now have a population of 1691 against 941 in 1890. Of this 75 are colored. There are 518 males and 573 females. We have three families that have eight children each; these are John Ball, Fred Hulsebeck and A. H. Greene. There are three families that have seven children each; Rebecca Castle, D. A. Young and T. O. Kreek; Rev. Lauer, Dan Giescher, A. L. Caskey and H. T. Alkire. We have 52 widows, eleven of whom are civil war widows and are upon the pension rolls. We have 11 old bachelors and 30 old maids. We have 25 widows of the civil war who are on the pension rolls. The oldest of our residents is Samuel Shotts who is 95 years of age; a native of Ohio and has been a citizen of Oregon since 1855. The youngest is the daughter of Robert Raley born March 10th 1900. Jack Hayes is the only colored veteran living in our city who is a pensioner. We have 18 widowers. There are 38 married couples in the city that have either forgotten the old scriptural saying "Go ye in to the world and multiply," or they are simply unequal to the emergency.

There was a Smith or Thompson; neither a Brown, Gray, Black or White that abided in our fair city, but there are twenty Greens. There is not a Spring among us, but we have twenty Kreeks, and thirteen Zechmans. There are 48 citizens who have reached the three score and ten mark.

Eighty-Eighth Birthday.

On Saturday last, March 24, the children and friends of mother Proud, gathered at her home in Mound City, to attend her birthday celebration.

Present were: C. M. Proud, wife and daughter, of Oregon; E. T. Proud, wife and daughter, of Fairfax; T. H. Proud and daughter, of Dothan; C. D. Parker, Miss Dollie Proud and Mrs. Lish Oren of St. Joseph; Samuel Proud wife and daughter Ethel. Among the many pleasing incidents of this gathering was the coming together of Uncle David Pollock, now 87 years of age, his wife Julia, now 82, John Kyle, 80, and mother Proud 88. These people were neighbors in the county of Ohio, and when the Proud decided to go to Howard county Indiana, the Pollocks' and Kyle's also decided to go. When they concluded to come to Holt county, they could not bear the idea of such a separation, so they packed up and came along. So for these long seventy years they have ever been the warm, intimate friends, and likely to be until the Great Master shall write them all to come and abide with Him—there the changing of home will cease, for they will live together, eternal in the heaven.

Buell Matthews for Governor.

Buell Matthews, of Gasconade county, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. There are many reasons why he would be a strong candidate if nominated. He hails from the Republican county of the state, stalwart and enthusiastic Republican. He is at present a member of the state senate, and has proved himself an able and fearless officer. He was the only member of the investigating committee sent to St. Louis a year ago to investigate the conduct of public affairs in that city, and sent his Democratic colleagues home without finishing their work, and resulted in one of their investigations. He is a good speaker, a man of excellent reputation, and as governor could be relied on to give the people a clean administration. His experience and investigations while senator would give him an advantage in uncovering the concealed rottenness that has marked the administration of affairs in this state for years past. Crawford County Mirror.

It would afford THE SENTINEL great pleasure to support such a man as Senator Matthews for the governorship.

The Weather.

Corrected weekly by William Kaucher, Justice of the Peace, Oregon, Mo.

March.

March 1st.....38.....45
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30th.....38.....45

Sand hills and prairie lying over in large number on the 24th and 25th.

The Missouri river is rising from Plattsmouth down. The Mississippi is open below St. Paul and at New Orleans is only 22 feet below the danger line, but is failing above. The coldest weather reported from anywhere is 12 above on the 24th. Heavy rain reported from the mouth of the river, 24 inches on the 22, nearly two inches fell at Des Moines during a thunderstorm on the 23rd. The river is out of the flood ground here, wheat looks well, grass is growing rapidly and fruit prospects are good.

The Chautauque.

A beautiful poem with above title has been handed us for publication, but owing to its length and lateness in coming to us, we can only give a couple of verses as the poem is published in full in the next future.

We're drinking in the eloquence,
Aglow with heavenly fire
That rolls in amplitudes of wealth
From our great McIntyre.

He from his huge projectoscope,
This wondrous McIntyre
Throws on the canvas of the mind,
The great Chicago fire.

Rev. McIntyre will lecture at the M E church, this city, Thursday evening, April 5th.

Notice of Election.

The qualified voters of the City of Oregon are hereby notified that the regular annual election for said City will be held at the usual voting places in each ward on

Tuesday, April 3, 1900.

The following officers are to be elected: Mayor, Marvin Collector, one alderman in the First ward for a term of two years, one alderman in the Second ward for a term of two years, one for a term of one year, to fill vacancy.

H. T. ALKIRE, Mayor.
FRANK PETREE, Clerk.

Notice, Middle Road Populists.

There will be a mass convention of the middle of the road Populists at Mound City, on Saturday, April 7, 1900, at 10 o'clock a.m. to elect a chairman and secretary; also to elect delegates to the state convention at Kansas City, April 15, 1900, and any other business which may come before the convention. Let every M. R. Pop in the county be present March 29, 1900. S. H. HODGE.



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